

PARKS AND RECREATION*

Sec. 15-1. Damaging and defacing.

No person shall injure, mar or damage in any manner any monument, ornament, fence, tree, seat, shrub, flower, playground equipment, within or belonging to parks in the city. Nor shall any person paste, affix or inscribe any handbills, signs, posters or inscriptions upon or against any tree, structure or property of or in such parks without the permission of the city council.

(Ord. No. 147, § 1, 4-19-77)

Cross reference-Malicious mischief, § 13-46.

State law reference-Malicious mischief, MCL 750.377 et seq., MSA 28.609 et seq.

Sec. 15-2. Gatherings.

No person shall hold any public or private gatherings in the public parks unless permission in writing is obtained from the city council or city manager.

(Ord. No. 147, § 2, 4-19-77)

Cross reference-Outdoor assemblies generally, Ch. 14.

Sec. 15-3. Restricted areas for sports; hours of use determined by city manager.

No basketball, football or softball throwing, or other violent or rough exercises or play shall be engaged in, in any public park or other public places, except in areas designated therefore by the city manager who is also authorized to designate hours when city parks and recreation areas shall be closed to public use.

(Ord. No. 147, § 3, 4-19-77)

Sec. 15-4. Alcohol and controlled substances.

No person shall bring into or drink in the city park any alcoholic liquor. Nor shall any controlled substance be used or sold at any time.

(Ord. No. 147, § 4, 4-19-77)

Cross reference-Offenses pertaining to alcoholic liquors and controlled substances, § 13-131 et seq.

Sec. 15-5. Domestic animals.

No person shall allow any domestic animal to run at large, lead or ride within city parks, nor shall any person allow any dog therein except when led by a chain or a cord.

(Ord. No. 147, § 5, 4-19-77)

Cross reference-Animals generally, Ch. 4.

***Cross references**-Streets, sidewalks and other public places, Ch. 20; waterways, Ch. 26

State law reference-Authority to operate recreation areas and playgrounds, MCL 123.51 et seq., MSA 5.2421 et seq.

Sec. 15-6. Firearms

No person other than an officer of the law shall carry any firearms of any kind or description within the city parks.

(Ord. No. 147, § 5, 4-19-77)

Cross reference-Offenses against public safety, § 13-106 et seq.

Sec. 15-7. Threatening or disturbing behavior.

No person shall use any threatening language in a city park, or be guilty of any disorderly or indecent conduct, such as disrobing, removing one's clothing in view of the public. No person shall do any act in a park which is calculated to unreasonably disturb any visitor thereto.

(Ord. No. 147, § 6, 4-19-77)

Cross reference-Offenses against public peace, § 13-51 et seq.

Sec. 15-8. Littering.

No person shall place or deposit any garbage, glass, tin cans, paper or miscellaneous waste in any park or playground except in containers provided for that purpose.

(Ord. No. 147, § 7, 4-19-77)

Cross reference-Polluting public places, 10-1.

State law reference-Littering, MCL 752.901 et seq., MSA 28.603(1) et seq.

Sec. 15-9. Conveyances and vehicles.

No person shall ride any conveyance or drive any auto or other motor vehicle in a city park, except when needed by a disabled person unable to walk in a normal manner.

(Ord. No. 147, § 8, 4-19-77)

Cross reference-Traffic and motor vehicles generally, Ch. 23.

Sec. 15-10. Swimming.

No swimming is permitted in the river adjacent to the city park except in those areas designated by the city council "Swim at your own risk."

(Ord. No. 147, § 9, 4-19-77; Ord. of 4-3-79; Ord. of 10-4-83)

Cross references-Swimming pools generally, Ch. 22; waterways, Ch. 26.

Sec. 15-11. Fishing.

No person shall engage in fishing for profit in city park waters. No person shall engage in sport fishing by any means except in those areas designated by the city council.

(Ord. No. 147, § 10, 4-19-77)

Sec. 15-12. Fires.

No person shall start or maintain any outdoor fire in city parks.

(Ord. No. 147, § 11, 4-19-77)

Cross reference-Fire prevention and protection generally, Ch. 8.

Sec. 15-13. Camping.

No camping or overnight sleeping shall be permitted in city parks.
(Ord. No. 147, § 11, 4-19-77)

Sec. 15-14. Soliciting.

No person shall solicit contributions in a city park for any purpose.
(Ord. No. 147, § 12, 4-19-77)

Cross reference—Peddlers, solicitors and transient merchants generally, Ch. 16.

Sec. 15-15. Amplifiers.

No person having the control of any device producing amplified sound shall operate or permit such device to be operated in a city park without permission from the city council.
(Ord. No. 147, § 13, 4-19-77)

Sec. 15-16. Authority to close.

Any section or part of any park may be declared closed to the public by the park manager or chief of police at any time and for any interval of time, either temporarily or at regular and stated intervals as the park manager or chief of police shall find reasonably necessary.
(Ord. No. 147, § 14, 4-19-77)

Sec. 15-17. Violators.

Any person found violating any provision of this chapter may be arrested or ejected from the city park.
(Ord. No. 147, § 15, 4-19-77)

Sec. 15-18. Restrictions on use of public places.

(a) "Public place," as used in this section, means a street, plaza, pedestrian mall, park, parking lot, recreational facility, or other like facility open to use by the public generally, or a facility, building structure, park, recreation area or golf course, parking lot or land owned, leased or operated by a public agency.

(b) Upon application of the owner or agent thereof, of a public place, or upon a determination by the city council that regulation of its city owned public places is necessary, the city council may determine that certain restrictions upon the use of a public place are reasonably necessary for the protection of the health, safety or welfare of the public using such places and, upon such determination by resolution of the city council, regulation may be promulgated thereunder.

(c) Regulations promulgated under this section may include any of the following, if upon due deliberation they are deemed necessary for the protection of the public:

- (1) Prohibition of bicycles, skateboards, scooters, roller skates, sleds and sleighs, and the like, in public places.

- (2) Prohibition or regulation of animals in public places.
- (3) Restrictions upon the parking of vehicles; prohibition of certain types of vehicles in parts or all of public places and speed restrictions on vehicles.
- (4) Limitations upon pedestrian traffic.
- (5) Such other and further regulations which are in harmony with this section.

(d) Whenever regulations under this section are promulgated by the city council, the city shall cause to be prepared signs containing such regulations, and such signs shall be posted in conspicuous places in public places so as to give notice of the regulations. The resolution enacting the regulations shall be published in the same fashion as ordinances of the city are published. All actual costs of signs, the replacement of signs and publication shall be borne by the applicant.

(Ord. No. 99-3, § 1, 8-17-99)